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Credentials of representatives to the Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Carlos E. **Gasparri** (Uruguay)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 8 April 2002, the Second World Assembly on Ageing, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee based on the composition of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth regular session, namely: China, Denmark, Jamaica, Lesotho, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, the United States of America and Uruguay.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 10 April 2002.

3. Mr. Carlos E. Gasparri (Uruguay) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat of the Assembly, dated 9 April 2002, concerning the credentials of representatives of States to the Second World Assembly on Ageing. The representative of the Legal Counsel of the United Nations made a statement relating to the memorandum in which she, inter alia, updated the memorandum, indicating those credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, had been received at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 42 States: Andorra, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, China, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Gabon, Guinea, the Holy See, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Malta, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, the Netherlands, Panama, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States to the Second World Assembly on Ageing had been communicated to the secretariat of the Assembly at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee by cable or fax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Ministries, Embassies or Permanent Missions concerned, from the following 116 States: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria,

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Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

7. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all States mentioned in the memorandum of the secretariat of the Assembly, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 6 above would be communicated to the secretariat of the Assembly, as soon as possible.

8. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the Second World Assembly on Ageing of the States referred to in the memorandum of the secretariat of the Assembly dated 9 April 2002,

"*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the States concerned."

9. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

10. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the plenary of the Second World Assembly on Ageing the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the plenary of the Second World Assembly on Ageing the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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General exchange of views

Political Declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Note verbale dated 9 April 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to convey the official translation of a letter addressed to the participants of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, signed by Mr. Heydar Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were to be circulated as a document of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, being held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 9 April 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Participants of the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Let me herewith greet you all sincerely and wish success to the work of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, an important event dedicated to one of the topical problems of our time — ageing.

Throughout the centuries the Azerbaijani nation, according to its historical traditions and national features, has respected the elderly people, has taken care of them and appreciated their role as significant genetic resources in protecting spiritual values and transmitting them to the next generations. The problems of elderly people are in the focus of attention of the society and Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The declaration of 1999 as the "International Year of Elderly People" by the United Nations can be estimated as a noteworthy demonstration of the concern shown for elderly people. This initiative was supported by the Republic of Azerbaijan.

A number of activities dedicated to the "International Year of Elderly People" were held throughout the country in 1999. The significance of commemoration of the "Year of Elderly People" was widely discussed by the mass media outlets of Azerbaijan, the role of the elderly people was highly appreciated and concrete measures were taken to improve their living standards.

As a logical follow-up to those measures, in 2001, the Parliament of Azerbaijan passed a law on social security of elderly people, the provisions of which are being successfully implemented.

However, during the last 10 years it has not been possible, due to a number of objective reasons, to fully implement the scheduled projects. The most important reason is the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan, which resulted in the occupation of 20 per cent of the Azerbaijani territories and the emergence of more than one million refugees and internally displaced persons.

I believe that the Second World Assembly on Ageing will play a vital role in solving the problems related to ageing. I have no doubts that the Plan of Action to be adopted at the Assembly will become a useful basis for States to elaborate their strategies and to take relevant measures in this regard.

(*Signed*) Heydar **Aliyev**
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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Political Declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Report of the Main Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Ivana **Grollová** (Czech Republic)

At its 3rd meeting, on 12 April 2002, the Main Committee adopted its report and recommended that the Assembly adopt a draft resolution to which were annexed the Political Declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002.

[For the report of the Main Committee see A/CONF.197/MC/L.1 and Add.1-8 and A/CONF.197/MC/L.2]

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